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SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM: The Hon. Minister has stated that only 15 banks have been started. But to my knowledge, there are at least two banks which have been started in the district of North Arcot, one at Tiruvannamalai and another at Arcot. May I know why these two banks have not been included in the statement laid on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The date of the answer furnished is 5th August 1955. It may be that after that date, some more banks might have been started.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: The Hon. Minister has stated that 15 Rural Co-operative Banks have started work out of the 23 banks permitted to be registered. But I understand from very reliable sources that opening of two banks, one in the south and another in the north of Malabar, has been sanctioned but no steps have so far been taken to start them. May I know why there has been so much delay in the matter and will the Government take immediate action to see that these two banks are started in Malabar?

11-50 a.m. THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The Deputy Registrar, Malabar South, has organized a rural bank at Mannur and he has promised to submit his proposals for the registration of the bank after consulting the Malabar Co-operative Bank, Limited, Kozhikode. As regards North Malabar, the Deputy Registrar has reported that apart from conversion of Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies into rural co-operative banks, there is no possibility of organizing an independent rural co-operative bank.

Siruvani River Reservoir Scheme

* 2496 *Q.*—SRI P. S. RANGASWAMI NAIDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the public of Palladam taluk, Coimbatore district, to divert the waters of the Siruvani river into the Noyyal river for agricultural purposes;

(*b*) whether the District Planning Board has recommended the scheme; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration.

* 2497 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether Siruvani Reservoir has been surveyed by the Engineers during 1955 with a view to let in more water from the rivers that go beyond Western Ghats?

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : No, Sir.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் முன்பு ஒரு தடவை பதில் சொல்லும்போது, "இது விஷயம் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கிறது. அதற்கு நிபுணர்கள் அனுப்பப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்" என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால். இப்பொழுது இல்லையென்று சொல்லுகிறார்கள். இனிமேலாவது அதைப் பரிசிலனை செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Until we get the information from the Chief Engineer after investigation, nothing could be done.

Liquor permits

* 2498 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many officers working in the Government Secretariat have been given permits for liquor;

(*b*) the grounds on which the permits have been issued to them; and

(*c*) whether any condition is attached to the grant of such permits to the effect that such officers should not be drunk during office hours?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Two officers.

(*b*) On medical grounds.

(*c*) No, Sir.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : அந்த இரண்டு அதிகாரிகள் யார் யார் ? அவர்கள் வேலை நேரத்தில்கூட காரியாலயத்திற்கு வரும்போது குடித்துவிட்டு வரலாமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன். ஸ்ரீ டி. எம். எஸ். மணி என்ற ஒரு அதிகாரிக்கு பர்மிட் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்களா ? அவர் ட்யூடி நேரத்தில் குடித்துவிட்டு இருப்பது வாஸ்தவமா ?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : அதிகாரிகளின் பெயர் இங்கு இல்லை. தனிக் கேள்வி கேட்டால் சொல்கிறேன். யாரும் குடித்து விட்டு வேலை செய்வது கிடையாது.

SRI K. KAMARAJ : தனிக் கேள்வி எதற்கு ? அதிகாரிகள் அப்படி ஒருவரும் குடித்துவிட்டு வருவது இல்லை.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : The Hon. the Chief Minister has made some statement. It was not audible. As it is a very important statement, I hope . . .

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The point is this. The Hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition made an insinuation in his question that some official was attending office drunk. That is quite impossible because nobody can attend office in a drunken state. I wish he is able to make the statement outside the floor of the Assembly so that the officer concerned can take appropriate action. But the Deputy Leader of the Opposition cannot take advantage of the privilege he enjoys on the floor of the Assembly and make insinuation against individual officials.